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**TES "Holding Statement"**

Philip Morris USA has been actively engaged in efforts to reduce the harm associated with our products for years. As part of these efforts, the 'Total Exposure Study' is an ongoing effort by our scientists to estimate the exposure of US adult cigarette smokers to cigarette smoke constituents and to investigate the relationship between cigarette smoke exposure of U.S. adult cigarette smokers and tar delivery as measured by smoking machines.

The Total Exposure Study that includes the evaluation of biomarkers and smoking behavior as it relates to cigarette smoke exposure is nationwide in scope involving an estimated 5000 adults in 41 clinical research centers across the country. This is performed in line with standards of clinical research ('Good Clinical Practices' and Declaration of Helsinki). All volunteers have signed Informed Consent forms. Planning for this study has been underway for several years including a smaller pilot study in Madison/Wisconsin in May/June 2001, and the main study begun in 2002.

PM USA has shared information about this study's design and preliminary results with members of the public health community at scientific meetings and conferences.

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